RG104 E-1 Box 190

To the Superintendent
of the U. S. mint,
Philadelphia Penn.

Sir:

In a recent series of articles by "E[illegible]" Perkins on Finance (which seem to be soberly meant) I see it intimated that private citizens can obtain money directly from the mints for the furtherance of their business; as some of it would prove very useful to me, I write to find if this is true?

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loan of $1000 dollars would enable me to irrigate and from which I could then obtain valuable crops. As it is I can gain nothing from it, as I am a broken down disct school teacher, and can gain nothing to keep it. Without money I shall lose it, with the, for me, large sum already expended upon it.

I can not borrow from any other source, as it is not liable for any debt until final proof has been made. It will, then, revert to the gov. if I am unable to do more upon it, — I am unable to borrow upon private credit, ~~as my ability for ap-~~ parent ability to repay — under present circumstances, is small.

National banks will only loan upon farms worth from $4,000 to $6,000 and upward, or upon supposed perfect business security. My land though rich — ~~land~~ obtained under timber culture laws, is practically desert land as profitable crops — or indeed any, with surety — will not grow without irri= gation. If the gov. could loan ~~to such as I~~ some of its hundreds, some of millions of idle silver dollars, to such as I, who see their supposed independence, melt away into a vista of the poor-house it would indeed be a benefit.

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As it is, the majority of us wonder how soon we shall be buried among our own desert rocks, — and the gov. claim our lands and all. (Tho' in my particular case there is not money enough on hand to bury me there.)

I await your reply with interest.

Henrietta A. Smith

Address, ~~H. A. Smith~~

Box 78

Yates City,

Knox Co. Ills.

July 18th 1895.

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Henrietta A. Smith

Wants a loan of $2.000
from the Mint.

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[Abstract:] Wants a loan of $2000 from the Mint.

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I have a timber claim in Western Neb. which a loan of $2000 dollars would enable me to irrigate, and from which I could then obtain valuable crops. As it is I can gain nothing from it, as I am a broken down disct. school teacher, and can gain nothing to keep it. Without money I shall lose it, with the, for me, large sum already expended upon it.

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National banks will only loan upon farms worth from $4000 to $5000 and upward, or upon supposed perfect business security. My land though right and obtained under timber culture laws, is practically desert land as profitable crops – or indeed any, with surety will not grown without irrigation. If the gov. can loan some of the hundreds some of the millions of idle silver dollars, to such as I, who see their supposed independence, melt away into a vista of the poor house it would indeed be a benefit.

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